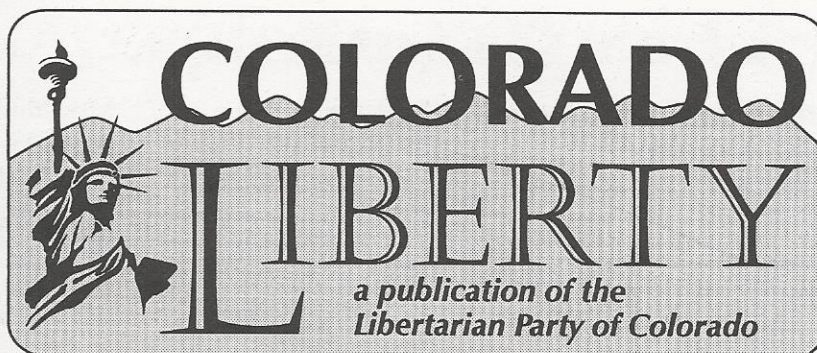


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Tompkins Brings Campaign to LPC State Convention

by Sandra Johnson

Rick Tompkins, former chairman of the Arizona Libertarian Party and a leading contender for the LP presidential nomination, brought his campaign to Colorado in April, sounding themes such as consistent adherence to the nonaggression principle, taxation is slavery, and it's time to end prohibition...again.

"Do you want comfortable slavery or freedom?" Tompkins challenged those attending the 1996 LP of Colorado state convention, held in Loveland the last weekend of April. "If you want your freedom, it's time to stand up and be counted."

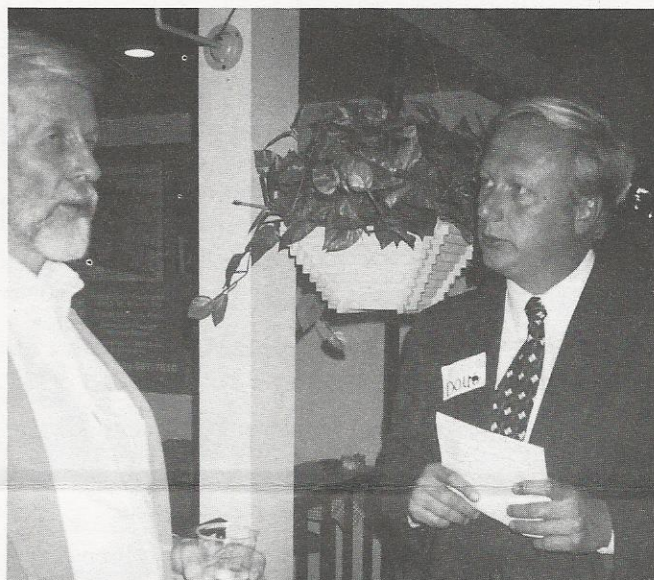
Liberty cannot be part-time and inalienable rights cannot be intermittent, Tompkins asserted. "The initiation of force, whether it's robbery, extortion or taxation, is wrong, and it's always completely wrong. Is it OK that Republicans robbed you a little less than the Democrats?"

Libertarians are right about the imminent collapse of the welfare state, and Libertarians are the only party to espouse and stick to principles. "We need dedicated activists, Libertarians with a capital 'L', to take this message to the American people. Americans are sick of the war on drugs, sick of snarling tax men, sick of a government that equips its domestic police force with helicopters and Uzis."

Medieval peasants paid a lesser percentage of income in taxes to their governments than does the typical two-income American family today. "The Libertarian Party is the last, best hope for a peaceful return to freedom and liberty in America. Incumbent politicians propose new embroidery around the welfare state. Should we reform the DEA, the IRS, the FBI and the CIA? No, they should be abolished," Tompkins said.

Libertarians could get more votes "if we started telling the American people what they wanted to hear, but there are already two parties doing just that," Tompkins continued. The impact of a three-way race would be measured far beyond the number of votes received by the LP, he noted. When the opinion leaders and media start expressing outrage about Govern-

see **State Convention Features Tompkins**, page 6



Tompkins, left, talks with LPC Campaigns Director Doug Anderson. Photo by Earl Allen.

Johnson Elected Chair; Two Vacancies Remain

Sandra Johnson of Fort Garland was elected chairman of the Libertarian Party of Colorado at the state convention held in Loveland in late April. She defeated challengers Andrew Boardman and Ron Bain for the position.

Larry Hoffenberg moved from Membership Director to Public Information Director, leaving the position of Membership Director open and available. Richard Combs declined to run for reelection as Publications Director (although he continues to be involved with the *Colorado Liberty*).

Campaigns Director Doug Anderson, Fund-raising Director Bette Rose Smith and Treasurer Cooper Jager all were reelected. Earl Allen, saying he'd have to resign if elected to Congress, agreed to become the new Legislative Director, a position previously held by Judd Ptak. When she became chairman, Johnson left behind the position of Affiliates Director, a role graciously filled now by Deb Bishop.

If you'd like to volunteer for the vacant positions of Membership Director or Publications Director, please call party HQ or contact one of the current board members.

From the Chair:

I am delighted to be your new chair; thank you for your confidence. Many kudos to David Aitken for his dedicated years as the state chair. I hope to build on the solid foundation that he has created. This presidential election year is a very exciting time to be active in Libertarian Party politics, and I would like to tell you my plans for the year and how I hope that you will be a part of it.

I would like to see the Libertarian Party continue to be the fastest growing political party in Colorado. We are going to put together a business plan to bring this about. When we successfully achieve our goals, this will provide rewarding and energizing feedback. More social functions will make our work more fun.

What can you do? The board consists of 7 very dedicated individuals who just happen to have limited amounts of time and money. We need your help to continue growing and to be more effective. We need your time, your donations, your creativity, and at a minimum your dues to pay for the newsletter and literature for further outreach.

Specific areas where we need your help include:

- Staffing the first LP booth ever at the Colorado State Fair (in Pueblo, August 17 to September 2).
- Filling these vacant board positions: Publications Director and Membership Director.
- Writing and reporting for the *Colorado Liberty*.
- Providing us with your input, vision and ideas for our business plan.
- Taking a few moments to individually welcome new members to the Libertarian Party.

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Many thanks to the "retiring" board members for all the hard work given: Richard Combs, who has produced this consistently top quality newsletter faithfully for the past several years; Dan Cochran, who kept the media informed about our news; and Judd Ptak, who tried to keep tabs on our legislators.

A big welcome to our new Affiliates Director, Debbie Bishop, and to Earl Allen, our new Legislative Director, who is also actively campaigning for U.S. Congress.

And, a really huge THANK YOU to those board members continuing their service to liberty for another term: Bette Rose Smith, the incredible indefatigable fund-raiser; Doug Anderson, who polishes candidates and campaigns with style and grace; Cooper Jager, our long-standing keeper of the funds; and Larry Hoffenberg, who has done a yeoman's job increasing our membership. Larry was elected to Public Information Director, so watch for many great press releases.

Thanks to all Affiliate Chairs and activists throughout Colorado: you are the reason this party is having record successes. Please continue the good work.

A very special thanks to Ron Bain who is editing this issue, and to Richard Combs who is producing it.

Sandra Johnson
LPC Chair

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Libertarian Party Accepted Into State Fair

by Bette Rose Smith

We have made it! The Libertarian Party of Colorado will have a booth at the biggest fair in Colorado, the Colorado State Fair. Over a million people will pass through the gates of the State Fair. The fair will be at the state fair grounds in Pueblo and will run from August 17 through Labor Day. The booth will be operating during the entire 17 days of the fair, with volunteers selling T-shirts and bumper stickers, talking to people, giving the World's Smallest Political Quiz, handing out information on the Libertarian Party and its candidates, recruiting new members, and generally just having a good time.

The cost of getting a booth at the Fair, including buying literature to pass out and merchandise to sell, is about \$2,000. Thanks to Doug Anderson, who ran a very fine auction at the State Convention, almost \$750 was raised for this important project. We've ordered merchandise, paid the deposit on the booth space, and bought insurance. We've sent out a fund-raising letter to help raise the balance of the money needed.

We need volunteers to help operate the booth during the fair. Rules of the State Fair say our booth *must* be manned from

10 a.m. until 10 p.m. each day of the fair or we lose the booth space. Volunteers are essential to the success of this project. Please consider donating your time to this worthy project.

We also need one or more coordinators to oversee the staffing and running of the booth. One person could be coordinator for the entire fair, or we can use multiple coordinators, each responsible for just a few days. Call Larry Hoffenberg at (303) 741-8688 or BetteRose Smith at (303) 266-6118 for more information. As always, the Libertarian Party's success depends on the efforts of the individual. Please help.

If this project works well, the Libertarian Party of Colorado will continue to run a booth each and every year. Special consideration is given to previous participants when allotting booth space at the fair. This year, the LP had to apply among several other applicants for a limited number of spaces. If the party can keep the booth manned, the LP will have a space each year at the fair. This will allow the LP to plan for the fair in advance, instead of having to wait until the Fair committee announces who has a booth.

Get Involved Locally, Says Sargent

by Ron Bain

Dick Sargent, former contender for the GOP gubernatorial nomination, has the same advice for aspiring Libertarian candidates as for aspiring young Republicans: get involved locally for four or five years before jumping to the state level.

Speaking to those attending the May meeting of the Denver Libertarians, Sargent recommended that a good training ground for Libertarians with higher political aspirations would be neighborhood housing associations, municipal planning commissions, city councils or county boards of adjustment. It's easy to obtain appointments to such organizations, he said: just volunteer and get on the list; if you don't get the first appointment, you might get a later one.

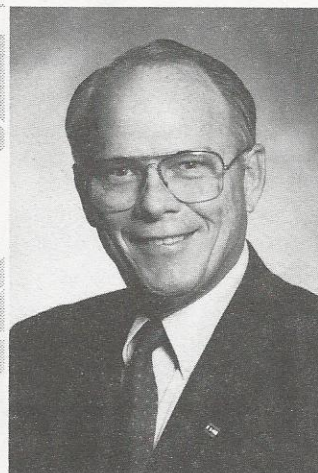
"You've got to take the long-term point of view. Excuse me, but Libertarians have got no choice but to take the long-term point of view," Sargent quipped.

"Build your base in every way that you can," he continued, on a more serious note. "You've got to be excited about small gains. You've got to be masters of infiltration. This is only a process; there is no end."

Reviewing the Libertarian platform, Sargent said he saw a couple of issues that could be publicized to the advantage of the LPC this election year: no taxation of church property and the right to petition government for redress of grievances.

A 1996 ballot proposal which would tax churches, charities and nonprofit organizations might "wither the organization that's doing positive things in the community," he remarked. "You ought to let every church in the state know that you've got this

in your platform. If you want to do good works, get behind that one hundred percent."



Republican Dick Sargent

If Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, which would require that future citizen initiatives be passed by a 60% super-majority instead of a simple majority, is passed by Colorado voters, then it will cause much greater damage to the right of citizen petitioning than the "single subject" rule, also proposed by legislature, which passed last election, Sargent explained.

"It is impossible to talk about anything at the state level as a single subject,"

Sargent said, and it will be even harder to pass a citizen initiative if the requirement is above 60%. Sargent speculated that the State Senate was making this proposal because they were unhappy with Doug Bruce putting citizen's initiatives (especially successful ones) on the ballot every election year, which statisticians call "cluttering up" the ballot.

"It's the people's constitution, not the state legislature's constitution," he said. "If anybody's going to clutter it up, it's the people's right to clutter it up."

From the editor:

The LP of Colorado Needs You

This latest edition of the *Colorado Liberty* which you hold in your hands was the result of a collaborative effort between Richard Combs and Ron Bain, neither of whom is willing to undertake this massive project each month unassisted.

The fact is, unless *you* start to help, this could be the last issue of the *Colorado Liberty* you ever read. Ron has (at least temporarily) taken on the role of Editor: compiling and editing contributions; writing really important stories and commentary; deciding the layout of each issue. Richard has agreed to a limited role as Production Manager: typesetting and desktop publishing. Todd Wasserman has agreed to lend his perfectionism to the role of Copy Editor: proofreading and fact checking. Chris Hendrickson has agreed to be the Cartoonist/Illustrator.

But we desperately need a shutterbug to serve as Staff Photographer. We need Beat Reporters from each affiliate and to cover beats such as the State Legislature, Second Amendment issues, the Drug Legalization movement, Citizen's initiatives, and Gay Rights. We need at least one person of journalistic bent who is willing to cover assigned events as a General Assignment Reporter. We need people who will agree to show up once a month and help label and mail the *Liberty*.

The *Colorado Liberty* is our only steady outreach effort and the only effective way to communicate internally within the state party. If you have information that belongs in the *Liberty*, don't wait until some staff member drags it out of you; write it up and send it in to LP of Colorado HQ.

To the editor:

I would like to contribute my time and services to any Libertarian candidates or activists that need video production for commercials or other types of outreach. I have an industrial grade HI-8 camcorder, lights, mikes, etc.

However my specialty is *editing*. I use a high-end computer workstation, called the Video Toaster/Flyer, to do what is called Nonlinear Editing. Your video, from any format, is digitized onto large hard drives (4-9 Gigabytes!) in complete broadcast quality. It is then as easy to edit the video clips together as it is to move paragraphs around in a word processor. Titles, music, graphics, 3D animations, special effects, etc., can be added in the process. Your video will be completed in far less time than with traditional editing. This sort of editing is particularly suited to short videos with sophisticated, frame-accurate editing needs, such as music videos, commercials, industrial promotion, training videos, etc. For the moment, I am using the same equipment I sell by day. Editing sessions can be scheduled for almost any evening or all day Sunday. Your edited master can be made in just about any format, including S-VHS, HI-8, 3/4, and Betacam SP.

My rates are quite simple, as well as affordable. My services ordinarily cost \$40 per hour, and that includes anything and everything, except the blank tape(s). I also offer *World Healing Rates*: \$20/Hour or less for select nonprofit videos and/or vid-

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eos that promote peace, tolerance, freedom, ecology, and similar global-family values. Qualification for, and scheduling of, work at this rate is subject to approval by me.

But again, let me say that unless I get overwhelmed with requests, I will be doing all Libertarian-related video editing at *no charge*. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone you know who might be able to use it.

Thanks again, and I look forward to being of service to you, this country, and the planet.

Don James

Aurora

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The May issue of *Colorado Liberty* has a letter from Mr. Brad Rebers stating that he was ashamed to be a member of the Libertarian Party of Colorado because, as he perceived it, we were not supporting the TABOR Committee petition drives.

I am not sure how he came to this conclusion, but he obviously was not at the State Convention just a few weeks ago when Clyde Harkins of the TABOR Committee publicly thanked the LP and some individuals for their outstanding support in previous petition drives. Mr. Rebers was not standing in line, as I was, to get petitions to put two issues on the ballot: the Petition Rights Amendment and the Tax Cut Amendment.

I agree that we need to get the word out and help Doug Bruce get the needed signatures. If you can help, contact Clyde Harkins at (303) 869-6306 or write to P.O. Box 1900, Arvada, CO 80001.

Bob Johnson

Fort Garland

Join Fellow Libertarians at Rainbow Gathering

by Thomas C. Peckham

Libertarians seek a safe society based on personal freedom, responsibility, and respect for one another. For a few weeks each summer, such a community exists.

Taking inspiration from the 60's generation, the Rainbow Family has held annual Gatherings in National Forests across the country for 25 years. Gatherings are free of the initiation of force (except that barter must replace prohibited commercial sales on National Forest Public Lands). Volunteers do everything. A Rainbow Gathering is a functioning libertarian society—an alternative society in the making.

The government does not approve of such freedom, of course, but has been largely ineffectual in preventing some 13,000 to 20,000 peaceful freedom lovers (yuppies and hippies, students and elders) from camping together in a healing celebration of life and the planet on which we live. And the Forest service cannot argue with the fact that after each Gathering, volunteers remove all structures, clean the site, and reseed paths.

My first Gathering was in 1992 in Colorado. When I was first greeted with "Welcome Home Brother," I realized I was home. Members of our local Libertarian group subsequently attended the Kentucky, Wyoming, and New Mexico Gatherings. We've been allowed to "hang out" and distribute our Libertarian Party literature at Rainbow Information (INFO). Find us there.

Imagine the outreach opportunity a larger group of Libertarians would have. If enough of us attend, we can create our own distinctive encampment (a "Libertarian Party Village"), as various social and religious groups do each year. But we'll need to arrive several days early to set things up. Bring LP banners and literature. (Every brochure we brought last year was given out.) Bring tarps and rope to build our own LP booth/meeting structure.

All you really need to be comfortable at a Gathering is basic backpacking equipment. There is no charge to attend. Healthy meals are provided by the Rainbow Family (donations accepted), but bringing your own favorite camp snacks is always a good idea. Entertainment, workshops, medical attention, etc. are likewise provided at no charge by the Family.

A copy of the Rainbow Mini-Manual can be found on the Web at <http://www.WelcomeHome.org/rainbow.html> or downloaded

from the Rainbow newsgroup alt.gathering.rainbow. (By June, those sites will also provide directions and maps to the 1996 Gathering.) Or for a \$2 donation to our local affiliate, we will mail you a copy (cash or check payable to the Libertarian Party of Colorado and mailed to The Liberty Coalition, P.O. Box 9766, Aspen, CO 81612).

So, if you're not able to attend the LP National Convention, or you're driving through the Ozarks on your way there, have an adventure and join fellow Libertarians for a week or two at the 25th Annual National Rainbow Gathering, June 28 - July 10 in the Ozark Mountain Range (Missouri/Arkansas). It may be the most exciting place you've ever been.

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Brighton City Councilman Joins Libertarian Party

by Larry Hoffenberg

For the first time in recent Colorado history, a sitting public official has joined a third party.

Brighton City Councilman Doug Carlsten has joined the Libertarian Party, America's third largest and fastest growing party. Carlsten announced his new affiliation at the state party's annual convention, held April 26-28. Representing Brighton Ward 3, Carlsten was elected in November 1995 to a four year term.

On his decision to register as a Libertarian, Carlsten said, "When I was growing up, a popular cliché was 'It's a free country.' You just don't hear people saying those kinds of things anymore. I want my children to be able to live by that cliché."

Sandra Johnson of Ft. Garland, Co., newly elected Chair of the LP of Colorado, enthusiastically welcomed Carlsten to the party. "We're pleased and honored to have Doug join the Libertarian Party. His commitment to liberty will continue to make a real difference for the citizens of Brighton. We hope Doug's decision to become a member of the LP will set the precedent that other like-minded public officials may have been waiting for."

Johnson added, "Things have never looked better for the Libertarian Party. Our membership has grown by 27% over the past 12 months. Dozens of national polls confirm that Americans are clamoring for more choice at the ballot box. The Libertarian Party is rapidly maturing into that choice. This November, the LP will be offering its largest national slate of candidates ever, more than 1,000 in all."

City Councilman Carlsten joins the ranks of more than 175 Libertarians serving in public office across the country, including the following in Colorado:

- **Dan Gallegos**, member, Denver metro RTD Board of Directors.
- **Carol Hill**, member, Lake County Planning and Zoning Commission.
- **Richard Crow**, member, Woodland Park Board of Adjustments. Crow is also Deputy Sheriff of El Paso County.
- **Robert Rasnick**, Town Councilman, Oak Creek.

State Convention Features Tompkins, *continued from page 1*

ment corruption and excess, then the American people will follow suit.

Tompkins has publicly challenged renowned NRA activist Neal Knox to endorse the entire Libertarian congressional slate for 1996, and is waiting for a response.

Regarding the process of nominating presidential candidates, Tompkins advocated the appointment of a national search committee to supplement the efforts of the national convention. Currently, the Libertarian National Committee has too much influence over the selection of candidates, he said. "The way it happens now is like a high school student government cramming their candidate down our throats."

Browne Campaign Sends Rep

Michael Emerling Cloud brought his charismatic and persuasive speaking style to Loveland to represent the Harry Browne for President campaign. Browne, who has visited Colorado three times and plans another visit in September, had campaign obligations in other states.

Cloud reported that the Browne campaign had raised enough funds in each state to qualify for Federal Election Commission matching funds, but that Browne had notified the FEC that the funds would not be accepted.

Browne's book, *Why Government Doesn't Work*, which outlines a plan to get from where we are to a stunningly smaller government, has sold 46,000 copies nationwide and is a best-seller in Hawaii. Book wholesalers nationally are rating the book in the

Top 20 nonfiction sellers. William F. Buckley's conservative magazine, *The National Review*, has agreed to review the book in upcoming months, Cloud told the convention audience.

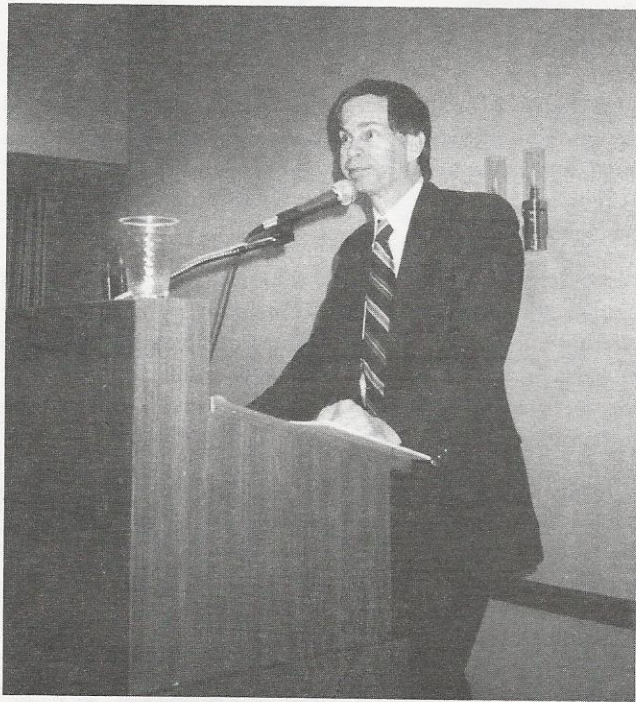
Browne's campaign schedule includes several radio talk show appearances or newspaper interviews every day. Cloud explained that a major effort is being placed on talk show appearances because of the demographics of talk show audiences: they're better educated and have higher incomes than average; 60 percent are under the age of 60; 70 percent don't trust the major media; and, 90 percent are registered voters.

Browne thus far is spending \$1290 a day on his campaign, compared to daily expenditures of \$50,000 for Bob Dole, Cloud said. When he visits Colorado again in September, Browne plans visits to Breckenridge, Alamosa and Grand Junction.

Schiff Appears on Video

Taking cues from comedian Don Rickles, LP presidential candidate Irwin Schiff presented a most entertaining talk via videotape, insulting American voters as stupid and selfish. He noted that more than 100 million Americans have a vested interest in the welfare state, federal and state pensions and other government handouts.

The best way to change this situation, Schiff asserted, is to increase noncompliance with the federal tax laws. Currently, compliance is only about 88 to 90%, he said; if compliance falls to 75% or below, the federal government will not be able to sustain handout payments and redistribution of income.



Retiring state chair David Aitken addresses the LPC convention.
Photo by Earl Allen.

National Convention Delegates Selected

At the LPC state convention in Loveland, party members elected a full slate of 23 delegates to the 1996 national LP convention, to be held July 3-7 in Washington, DC. Delegates to the national convention will choose the party's 1996 presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

The Colorado delegation consists of: Geoffrey Lloyd, David Aitken, W. Earl Allen, Douglas Anderson, Michele Bethke, Jeff Boyer, David Bryant, Dan Cochran, Richard Combs, Mary Margaret Glennie, Edson Goodrich, Bryan Griffin, Tracy B. Harms, Cooper W. Jager, Norman T. Olsen, William Robinson III, Bette Rose Smith, L. Neil Smith, Steven L. Straley, Todd Wasserman, Bert Wiener, Kevin Wilkerson, and Bill Zimsky. The delegation selected Earl Allen as its chairman; David Aitken is his substitute.

Ron Bain and Christopher Burton were selected as alternates. Anyone else who attends the convention and meets the qualifications for delegates can be an alternate (we can have up to 50). It is highly likely that not all of the delegates will be able to attend the convention, so alternates will be needed. Contact state HQ if you'd like to be an alternate.

Calendar of Events

June

- 4 Ft. Collins 1st Tue. Breakfast Club, Tony's, 224 South College, 7 a.m. Speaker. Pat Hartman, (970) 224-3116.
- 5 LPC Board of Directors meeting, LPC office, 720 E. 18th (at Clarkson), Denver, 6:30 p.m. Party members are welcome.
- 5 & 19 CSU Campus Libertarians, CSU Student Center. Bruce Lockhart, (970) 223-7504.
- 6 Jefferson County LP, Denny's Restaurant, 565 Union Blvd., 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting. Clark Marley, (303) 420-8175.
- 9 JeffCo "Freedom's Friends Night Out," Denny's, 565 Union Blvd., 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. discussion. Clark Marley, (303) 420-8175.
- 10 & 24 Aurora LP, Shoney's, 13700 E. Mississippi, 7 p.m. Doug Newman, (303) 363-4172.
- 11 Denver LP, Knights of Pythias Hall, 1127 S. Tejon, 7 p.m. Bert Wiener, (303) 934-3245.
- 11 Summit County LP. Call John Sabal at (970) 262-6369 for time and location.
- 12 Adams County Libertarians, Coco's at Northglenn Mall, 104th & I-25, 7 p.m. Earl Allen, (303) 254-4978.
- 12 & 26 Routt County Common Sense Club, Overlook Lodge, Steamboat Springs, 7:30 p.m. Robert Jahelka, (970) 879-4127.
- 17 Ft. Collins 3rd Mon. Dinner Club, China Dragon Restaurant, 1401 W. Elizabeth, 7 p.m. Mary Margaret, (970) 484-8184.
- 19 San Luis Valley LP meeting, Forbes Park, 6:30 p.m. Call Bob Johnson, (719) 379-2767, for directions.
- 19 Boulder LP, Old Train Depot, 30th & Pearl, business meeting at 5 p.m., outreach meeting at 7 p.m. (303) 443-1870.
- 27 Aspen Liberty Coalition, Pitkin County Library, 7 p.m. Tom Peckham, (970) 925-6027.
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Please mail, fax, or e-mail any additions or corrections to the LPC office. Changes must be received by the 10th for the following month's issue. For instance, the deadline for the July issue, which will list July and August events, is June 10.

Affiliate Corner

Over the next few months, I will be visiting all the affiliates during regular membership meetings. So far, my confirmed schedule includes:

- ✓ May 2 Jefferson County
- ✓ May 13 Aurora
- ✓ May 14 Denver
- ✓ May 17 San Luis Valley
- May 19 Boulder
- May 20 Fort Collins
- May? Adams County (still open...)

I am working on June now, so if you're not scheduled yet, please expect a call from me soon (or be pushy and call me: 303-988-6827). My purpose in all of this is to meet you, discuss your goals and objectives, and share mine. Stated briefly, my goal is to provide service to the *active* members of the Lib-

ertarian Party. My immediate objective is to propose several key projects to all the affiliates and to deliver the two that are deemed, by the majority, to be the most useful. (The top two right now are a "Affiliates' Speaker Committee" and a Libertarian Yellow Pages.)

My long term objectives include responding to your requests for information and assistance, contributing to the *Liberty*, converting the Voter Registration List into a more useful database, participating in the Convention Committee, attending public appearances by our candidates when I can, and participating on the Board.

I do intend to be busy. I will rely on you to make the same degree of effort to communicate with me that I make with you. I am looking forward to working with you, and I am sincerely honored to be able to.

Deb Bishop,
Affiliates Director

Please send affiliate news & calendar info to Affiliates Director Deb Bishop (via mail, phone, or e-mail) by the 10th of each month. Thanks!

——— Aurora Libertarians ———

Aurora Libertarians are getting behind the candidacy of Doug Newman for State House of Representatives in District 42. Petitioning for Newman's ballot access is underway, and plans are in the works for a precinct walk.

Cyril Smaling, who ran for Aurora City Council last year, has this advice for candidates:

- Get your brochures and signs done *professionally*!
- Send out *postcards* one week before the election!
- When speaking before a TV camera, forget eye contact with the audience and look *straight at the camera*!
- Put ads in your local newspapers, remembering that *bigger is better*!

——— Boulder County ———

A Boulder County trio of Libertarian activists—Kevin Wilkerson, Chuck Wright, and Cooper Jager—was almost arrested during a Tax Day protest at the East Boulder Post Office on April 15th! Equipped with Harry Browne and anti-tax literature, they spent two hours distributing leaflets and talking to weary taxpayers before they were asked to leave by one of Boulder's finest. But the cop didn't stick around to make sure they left or to arrest them...

"Do the Post Office bureaucrats and the Noble Order of Knights Paperhanger of Boulder really need their clocks cleaned in court in order to prove that the Bill of Rights was actually ratified?" queried Wilkerson, noting that he had in hand a letter from a postal official in another state which indicated the material being distributed was acceptable as well as assurance of representation by the ACLU in the event of an

arrest. Wilkerson is the chairman of the Libertarian Party of Boulder County, and is a candidate for State House of Representatives in District 11.

Membership in the LP of Boulder County is up slightly, reports Membership Chair Wright.

——— Jefferson County ———

Members of the Jefferson County Libertarians have defined their primary goal as the election of Earl Allen to Congress in the Second Congressional District. By peppering the local Rotary Clubs, Optimists and Kiwanis with written requests for chances to speak, the JeffCo group has secured four speaking opportunities for Allen already, and more are in the works.

On May 8th, Allen made a strong impression on the students at the Party Forum of DU's Political Science Honor Forum. Other parties represented included the Democrats, Republicans and the Perot Reformers.

JeffCo Member Clarke Marley is organizing a list of speakers who are available to affiliates.

——— San Luis Valley ———

The fastest growing affiliate in the United States, the San Luis Libertarians have "graduated" from meeting in individual homes to dinner meetings in Alamosa restaurants. The meeting was abuzz about local activist Holly Felmlee's guest appearance on an Alamosa public radio station's talk show (see Random Notes).

Several members of the State LP Board visited the San Luis Valley affiliate on Friday, May 17th: Chairman Sandra Johnson; Affiliates Director Deb Bishop; and, Campaigns Director Doug Anderson, who informed the group of Harry Browne's plans to visit Alamosa in September.

Libertarians: Winning the battle for Cyberspace

The experts agree: Libertarians dominate the brave new electronic political frontier

LIBERTARIANS ARE THE political heavyweight champions of the online world — dominating political polls and discussion groups in cyberspace, and setting the ideological tone for the Internet and World Wide Web, according to more and more observers.

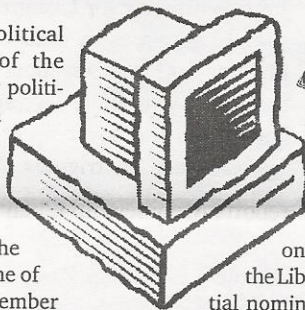
"The most common perspective of the brand of politics dominating the Net is one of radical libertarianism," reported the September 1995 issue of *Wired*, the influential, cutting-edge magazine about the online world. "Both the *Wall Street Journal* and *Rolling Stone* have made this claim, and pugnacious Libertarians are among the most visible regulars in Usenet discussions."

But it's not just the media. Ron Crickenberger, Chair of the LP's Campaign Committee, said political experts seem to agree with *Wired* magazine, based on what he heard at the *Campaigns & Elections* seminar in Washington, DC, in early March.

At a workshop entitled *Campaigning in Cyberspace: Using Online Services*, "Jared Schutz, of Stardot Consulting, said something like, Libertarians 'dominate' cyberspace," — and "we had by far the most volume of political info on the Net," reported Crickenberger.

ONLINE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE polls also show a very strong tilt towards Libertarian candidates, reported UPI writer Natasha Wanchek in February, as part of an article which concluded that "the 1996 campaign has gone high-tech on the Internet."

For example, a Stardot Strawpoll — taken



in January during the intense days leading up to the first Republican primaries — showed Harry Browne, one of the candidates for the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination, winning a whopping 30.4% of the vote, far ahead of Republican Steve Forbes at 10.5% and Democratic President Bill Clinton at 9.1%.

And a Survey Net poll in February showed Libertarian Browne again leading the pack with 22.5%, ahead of Republican Phil Gramm with 21.2% and Clinton with 12.2%.

"These polls are, of course, not scientific, but taken together they demonstrate an awareness of the Browne campaign [and the Libertarian Party] on the Net that goes far beyond that of any other third party," said Sharon Ayres, National Director of the Browne campaign.

At least three of the four active candidates for the LP's presidential nomination — Browne, Rick Tompkins, and Irwin Schiff — have WWW sites, and are trawling the online world for supporters.

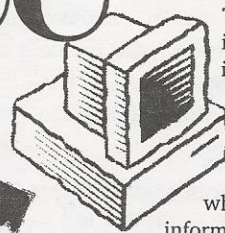
But does the Internet attract Libertarians — or create them? *Boardwatch* magazine, which chronicles the computer bulletin board industry and the Internet, suggested it's a bit of both.

The magazine reported in August 1995: "The Internet is creating more political Libertarians every day. An anonymous wag notes that 'the Internet interprets censorship as damage

and routes around it.' Small wonder that Libertarians are attracted to — and perhaps born in — the online world."

Lapsing into cyberspeak, *Wired* magazine (September 1995) theorized that Libertarians and the Internet are a natural combination: "Libertarianism — with its zealous advocacy of laissez-faire capitalism, deregulation, and privatization — is a ready-made 'killer-app' for the . . . 'don't tread on me' cybercrew."

And *USA Today* (July 26, 1996) quoted Douglas Coupland, best-selling author of *MicroSerfs*: The Internet "promotes talking, but it doesn't promote agreement, so it's the ideal medium for libertarians."



The Libertarian Party is taking advantage of this increasingly passionate relationship between its philosophy and the growing number of Web-surfers with a popular World Wide Web page, which features comprehensive information about the party.

"Users can read our introductory brochures, browse through our Platform, find out who's running for office, and, in some places, get an up-to-date schedule of local meetings," reported Joe Dehn, who manages the party's WWW page. Also available are press releases and articles about the party and its positions.

The party's Web site — which was up and running before either the Republican or Democrat parties nervously made their way into cyberspace — has been awarded a "3-Star" rating from the McKinley Group.

"This rating is a special mark of achievement in McKinley's comprehensive Internet directory of over 1.5 million sites and 40,000 reviews," wrote the Internet experts, praising the LP's site for its "depth of content, ease of exploration, and Net appeal."

The party's URL is <http://www.lp.org/lp/>

THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA is starting to pay tribute to the LP's omnipresence in cyberspace. For example, *USA Today* reported: "Libertarians have discussion groups, Web sites, and bulletin boards on the Net."

And *Rolling Stone* (April 6, 1995) gave partial credit to the online culture for the LP's growing membership: "In part because of its appeal to young Americans . . . who consume their culture and politics online, libertarianism appears to be gaining converts."

"The Internet and the World Wide Web are the future of political campaigning," said Steve Dasbach, Chairman of the Libertarian Party. "And Libertarians were there first, best, and most intensely. It's one of our big competitive advantages over the older parties — an advantage I think we'll maintain and expand upon."

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**"It's the ideal medium
for libertarians."
—Douglas Coupland**

random notes

Aitken Runs for RTD

David Aitken is running for the Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation District (RTD) in Denver's District A. If you live this in district (roughly Monaco on the east, Colfax and Park Avenue on the north, and I-25 on the south and west), please help by signing and/or circulating David's ballot access petition. Meet the candidate at the June Cocktail Party in Denver (see Calendar of Events).

Felmlee is Guest on Public Radio

Kudos to Alamosa activist Holly Felmlee, who did a "terrific" job in presenting the Libertarian viewpoint while a guest on the public radio talk show "Gray Matters," according to one Libertarian listener. She was the featured guest of Rev. Mark Pumphrey and Greg Cheyne, who typically represent the liberal and conservative points of view on KRZA 88.7 FM in Alamosa. Holly's comments focused on the federal budget and fiscal irresponsibility.

Board Members Sue RTD; Need Help

Libertarian members of the RTD Board of Directors Dan Gallegos and David Bishop are suing RTD to force a refund of excess funds to taxpayers, as outlined in the Bruce Amendment. Because of this action, the other members of the RTD Board have barred Gallegos and Bishop from any executive sessions featuring discussions of the suit. The two Libertarian board members have found an attorney who will donate his labor pro bono to fight both aspects of this case, but about \$500 in funds is needed to cover filing fees, photocopying and other associated costs. Please forward your donations to the LP of Colorado, 720 E. 18th Ave., #309, Denver, CO 80203.

Planning Underway for 2nd Annual State Picnic

Chris Bogart needs a volunteer for a fun job—helping to organize the Second Annual State Libertarian Picnic, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Chris says that's a date appropriately near Colorado Day. If you can help with planning or spreading the word, please contact Chris at (303) 449-6327.

Browne vs. FEC Update

LP Presidential front runner Harry Browne has raised enough funds in each state to qualify for FEC matching funds, which everybody, including the FEC, knows Harry would turn down if awarded to him. Because of this declaration of intent on Browne's part, the FEC has ruled that he is ineligible to receive matching funds. The Browne campaign is considering hiring a Big Six accounting firm to audit his fund-raising efforts and certify that he has met the FEC's numerical qualifications. Browne's campaign is also considering hiring one of the major pollsters to include Browne's name alongside Clinton's and Dole's in a nationwide poll. For more information about Browne vs. the FEC, call the feds at 1-800-424-9530, Option 5.

Board Approves Unified Membership Plan

Soon, you won't have to worry about all these different membership options: state only; state and national; national only. At

the May meeting, the LPC Board of Directors approved a National LP proposal that would consolidate membership procedures at the national level, ensuring that every member of the national party receives membership in his or her state party. National would pay each state \$1 per month per member to rebate the state level fees.

LPC Membership Up 25%!

At the LPC State Convention held in Loveland in April, outgoing Membership Director Larry Hoffenberg reported that 25% more Colorado voters registered Libertarian in 1995, bringing state membership up to 2,134. Currently, approximately 250 of those are dues-paying members of the state LP, but soon—when the above-mentioned Unified Membership Plan goes into effect—state dues-paying membership should rise to the level of national dues-paying membership, or about 475.

Independent Wes McKinley Runs for Congress

Wes McKinley, former jury foreman of the Rocky Flats Grand Jury, is running for Congress in the sprawling Third Congressional District as an independent candidate. The Walsh, Colo. rancher and cowboy poet gained more than his 15-minute share of fame while leading the grand jury investigation into corruption and cover-up at the federal plant for manufacturing nuclear weapons triggers. Now he'd like to go to Washington and tell Congress the full story of Rocky Flats, which he is constrained by law as a private citizen from telling.

As the Libertarian Party of Colorado has not yet identified a qualified candidate for Congress in the eastern Colorado Congressional district, Libertarians living in the Third District might want to consider voting for McKinley. He's not a libertarian (yet), but he has discovered many terrible things that the federal government has done. McKinley's campaign headquarters can be contacted at (970) 224-5649.

McKinley has hitched up his horse and wagon and hit the trail to meet the people of his district. If you're of an equestrian bent and would like to join this trail ride, you can join up with him during Memorial Day in Fort Collins or in one of his other stops this summer in Trinidad, Greeley or Loveland.

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